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House Bill 5708 (As Introduced)

Topic: Career and Technical Education Programs
Sponsor: Representative Proos
Co-sponsors: Representatives Mortimer, Vander Veen, Hopgood, Virgil Smith, Miller, Stewart, Nitz, Ball, Jones, Moore, Caul, Wenke, Gaffney, Stahl, Nofs, Baxter, Brandenburg, Vagnozzi, Huizenga, Hansen, Emmons, Farrah, Polidori, Dillon, Pearce, and Farhat
Committee: House Education

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The bill amends the Revised School Code to make changes related to vocational and technical education. The bill incorporates new terms, including "career and technical education program". A completely rewritten definition of "vocational education" and the new term "career and technical education program" is provided. The term "career and technical" is substituted for "vocational and technical" education. The bill contains a more specific listing of instructional, support, and administrative costs eligible for funding than current law. In order to obtain state approval to use career and technical education funds and to operate programs with vocational education millage revenue, an intermediate school district board is required to ensure all of the following:

- Notify the Department of Labor & Economic Growth at the time the career and technical education program is established.
- Establish a program advisory committee pursuant to administrative guidelines established by the Office of Career and Technical Preparation. At least a majority of the members of the committee are required to be representatives from business and industry.
- Collect career and technical education information data and distribute to the appropriate state department or departments and to the advisory committee.

The Department of Labor & Economic Growth may monitor and evaluate programs based upon technical aspects determined by the program advisory committee and student outcomes determined by the department.

The department is required to develop a process in consultation with career and technical education professionals for expedited state approval of programs that recognize local workforce needs, emerging technologies, and local demand occupations.

